

REMARKS

Claims 1-41, 43-56, 58, 59, 112 and 113 are pending in this application. Claims 42, 57 and 60-111 have been cancelled, without prejudice. During a telephone conference of today, the Examiner indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if it were amended to include the recitations of former claims 42 and 57. Accordingly, claim 1 has been so amended. Claims 2-41, 43-56, 58 and 59 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable. Claim 2 has been amended to improve syntax. Claim 6 has been amended to remove the recitation of a recirculation system volume. Claim 34 has been amended to remove a reference to "pvdf-Kynar." Claim 43 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1, instead of canceled claim 42.

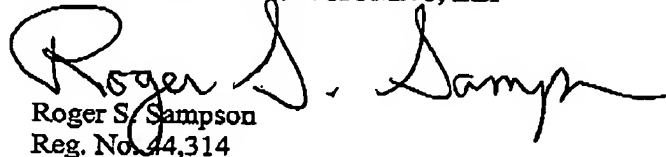
New independent claim 112 combines the recitations of claim 1 with those of claims 2, 4 and 6, with some revisions that were approved by the Examiner. Finally, new independent claim 113 combines the recitations of claim 1 with those of claims 10, 11 and 12. During today's teleconference, the Examiner kindly noted that claims 112 and 113 would be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants' attorney believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. If another telephone conference would be helpful in furtherance of allowing the pending claims of this application, Applicants' attorney requests that the Examiner contact him at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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